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March 20, 1996

Mr. Bob Schnieder FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 3319 Maguire Boulevard, Suite 232 Orlando, FL 32803-3767

Subject:

Warning Letter OWL-HW/E-95-0020;

Further Request for Information

Dear Mr. Schnieder:

Confirming our conversation of March 19, 1996, OHM transported two (2) drums of materials on February 4, 1995 and two (2) drums on February 9, 1995. As we discussed, OHM had no analytical on the material and did not believe the material to be hazardous. OHM was not presented with any analytical or MSDS for the material from its client, nor with any placarding or manifests to indicate the material was hazardous. Based on OHM's LEL and OVA readings, it did not have reason to believe the material was hazardous.

As we discussed, OHM had not been contracted to haul any materials by ESE, as that was not part of our scope of work. OHM was asked to load the drums onto its truck and follow ESE. OHM's site supervisor thought ESE meant to transport the drums to a more secure area on site and followed the ESE representative. OHM continued to follow the ESE representative and unloaded the drums as and where instructed by ESE. OHM's site supervisor thought that seemed to be a reasonable request based on the information available, and because most clients want to be able to secure their site and because apparently the material was not hazardous.

Several months later, ESE called OHM and asked if it could provide manifests for the drums. OHM's project manager then learned of the movement of the drums and the circumstances surrounding how the drums were transported. At that time, OHM declined to supply manifests.

Based on your comments that OHM did not seem to be at fault in light of the circumstances, and the information it had at its disposal, we are pleased to offer the above information. More importantly, we hope that these additional facts will allow the Department to look favorably upon our explanation and not issue a notice of violation for an incident which occurred over twelve months ago.

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